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WHITE HOUSE FOR ELLIS WOODWARD, DIRECTOR WHITE HOUSE  
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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SPONSORS  
FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AS REQUESTED REFTEL (D).

1. THE PARIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A QUASI-PUBLIC  
ESTABLISHMENT CREATED BY GOVERNMENT STATUTE BUT SEMI-  
AUTONOMOUS IN FUNCTION AND FINANCED BY A SPECIFIC BUS-  
INESS TAX. SINCE MEMBERSHIP OF ALL BUSINESS AND INDUS-  
TRY IN THE PARIS REGION IS OBLIGATORY, THE PARIS  
CHAMBER WIELDS CONSIDERABLY MORE AUTHORITY THAN AN  
AMERICAN COUNTERPART MIGHT. THE PARIS CHAMBER REPRESENTS  
PARIS COMMERCE BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT,  
CONDUCTS ECONOMIC STUDIES AND DISCUSSION, MAINTAINS A  
PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY SPECIALIZED IN BUSINESS STUDIES  
AND PROMOTES THE CITY OF PARIS IN NUMEROUS WAYS.

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2. FRANCE ETATS-UNIS WAS ESTABLISHED AS A FRANCO-  
AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZATION SHORTLY AFTER WORLD  
WAR II BY FRENCH CITIZENS WHO HAD TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART  
IN THE RESISTANCE AND IN THE FREE FRENCH FORCES. THE  
ORGANIZATION WAS DESIGNED AS A NATIONAL ENTITY AND  
BRANCHES WERE SET UP IN FRANCE'S MAJOR CITIES. IT HAS

REMAINED ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE SOCIETIES IN FRANCO-AMERICAN AFFAIRS SPECIALIZING IN LECTURES, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING, EXCHANGES, SEMINARS AND SPONSORING SPECIAL VOYAGES TO THE U.S. FEU IS MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTRACT YOUNGER MEMBERS THROUGHOUT FRANCE. THE OUTSTANDING WRITER AND NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST THIERRY MAULNIER, A MEMBER OF L'ACADEMIE FRANCAISE, IS NOW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE ETATS-UNIS AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS MR. CYRILLE MAKINSKY.

3. FRANCE-AMERIQUE WAS FOUNDED IN 1909 TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND NATIONS OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT INCLUDING CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS ORGANIZATION ALSO SPONSORS LECTURES, DEBATES AND SOCIAL EVENTS. IT IS BASICALLY MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN FRANCE ETATS-UNIS AND THE AGE LEVEL OF ITS MEMBERS IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. PRESIDENT OF FRANCE-AMERIQUE IS HUBERT MARTIN, A BANKER AND LAWYER. CHARLES LUCET, FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. (1965-72) PRESIDES OVER THE USA SECTION OF FRANCE-AMERIQUE.

ALTHOUGH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT AND CARRY ON THEIR OWN PROGRAMS THERE IS A SMALL OVERLAP IN MEMBERSHIPS AND THEY DO JOIN TOGETHER FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

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4. THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS FOUNDED IN 1894 BY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RESIDENT IN PARIS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U.S. IT NOW HAS 1,500 MEMBERS OF WHICH ABOUT 900 ARE FRENCH AND 600 AMERICAN, MOSTLY COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN COMMERCE, MANUFACTURING OR SERVICE DELIVERY BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE AMERICAN CLUB OF PARIS WAS FOUNDED ABOUT 1905 TO GROUP AMERICANS IN PARIS. IT NOW HAS 500 MEMBERS, ALL AMERICANS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WITH A FEW FRENCHMEN AS HONORARY MEMBERS, WHICH MEET ONCE A WEEK FOR LUNCH TO DISCUSS CURRENT PUBLIC QUESTIONS. MOST OF ITS MEMBERS ARE AMERICAN COMPANY EXECUTIVES, BUSINESSMEN OR PRACTICE A PROFESSION.

6. THE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OF THE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE OF FRANCE ARE INFORMAL BODIES OF THE TWO BRANCHES OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT WHICH WORK TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE. THE ASSEMBLY GROUP HAS APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS (TOTAL DEPUTIES IN ASSEMBLY 490) OF WHICH ABOUT 30 ARE ACTIVE. THE SENATE GROUP HAS 120 MEMBERS (TOTAL SENATORS 283) OF WHICH 40 ARE ACTIVE. BOTH GROUPS HAVE HOSTED AMBASSADOR HARTMAN SINCE HIS ARRIVAL. AT THE ASSEMBLY HE GAVE A SHORT LUNCHEON TALK FOLLOWED BY QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION. AT THE SENATE HE MADE A SPEECH ON US-FRENCH RELATIONS AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

7. WHILE MEMBERS OF ALL ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS COVER WIDE SPREAD OF PROFESSIONS AND PERSONAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, EMBASSY COULD INCLUDE FRENCH-AMERICAN FOUNDATION AMONG SPONSORS. THE FRENCH-AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND ITS COUNTERPART ORGANIZATION IN PARIS, THE FONDATION FRANCO-AMERICAINE, WERE CONCEIVED IN 1975 BY AMERICAN BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERS CONCERNED WITH THE NEED FOR A NEW DEPARTURE IN FRENCH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WHICH WOULD BE FORWARD-  
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LOOKING AND PRACTICAL. OPERATIONS BEGAN IN 1976 WITH

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION'S FIRST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES UNDER-  
WRITTEN BY GENEROUS GIFTS FROM THREE FORMER AMBASSADORS  
TO FRANCE: C. DOUGLAS DILLON, AMORY HOUGHTON, AND JOHN  
N. IRWIN II. FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM FOCUSES ON SOCIAL,  
EDUCATIONAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS.  
AND IS NOW PLANNING CONFERENCE ON CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF  
THE CENTER CITY IN FRANCE AND THE U.S. TO BE HELD EARLY  
IN 1978. ONGOING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FINANCES A YEAR'S  
FIELD RESEARCH FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES IN SOCIAL  
SCIENCES FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN FRANCE AND FRENCH  
SCHOLARS IN US. PRESIDENTS: FRENCH SECTION, PIERRE  
JOUVEN; AMERICAN SECTION, ARTHUR KING PETERS.

8. EMBASSY MAINTAINS RECOMMENDATION OF PARIS CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AS FIRST OPTION (REFTEL C)  
BEARING IN MIND CHAMBER'S WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW US  
FINAL CONTROL OF INVITATION LIST. WE REQUEST A  
DECISION ASAP DUE TO THE NEED TO CONTACT POTENTIAL  
SPONSORS WHO WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO  
REACH AS WE APPROACH HOLIDAY SEASON.  
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